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FOLLOWING REPEAT KINSHASA 8925 ACTION SECSTATE, INFO USIA
CDC ATLANTA DTD 25 OCT 76.

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E.O. 11652: GDS

SUBJECT: INFECTIOUS DISEASE SITREP (II)

REF: STATE 262570

1. FOLLOWING IS REF SITREP AS OF OCT 25:

(A) FACTS: RETURN OF THE DISEASE COMMISSION SURVEY TEAM FROM
BUMBA HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL OCT 25 BECAUSE OF TRANSPORTATION
PROBLEMS. THERE HAVE BEEN NO CHANGES REPORTED.

IN KINSHASA, THERE ARE ALSO NO CHANGES. THE "ALL-OUT" EFFORT TO
IDENTIFY ADDITIONAL PRIMARY CONTACTS IS OPERATIONAL. THERE ARE NO
PROBLEMS WITH THE PRIMARY CONTACTS NOW IN QUARANTINE.

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DEPENDING ON THE REPORT OF THE BUMBA ZONE SURVEY TEAM, ANOTHER

THREE-MAN TEAM (AMERICAN, BELGIAN, ZAIRIAN) MAY UNDERTAKE A 5-7 DAY SURVEY MISSION TO EXTREME NORTHEASTERN ZAIRE, ADJACENT TO THE SUDAN BORDER.

FINALLY, AT 1700 HOURS KINSHASA TIME MEETING OCT 25 OF DISEASE COMMISSION, MOH EXPECTED TO PROPOSE EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL NEEDS. A FORMAL REQUEST TO THE USG FOR ASSISTANCE MAY RESULT FROM THIS MEETING.

(B) PRESS GUIDANCE: UNCHANGED FROM SITREP (I) EXCEPT TO CORRECT KINSHASA DEATH FIGURE. IN PARAGRAPH (A) BACKGROUND, READ IT: "SINCE THAT TIME, TWO OTHER (2 INSTEAD OF 3) NURSES..." AND SECOND PARAGRAPH (B) FACTS, READ IT "...OR TRAVELLED IN THE SAME CARE WITH THE THREE OTHER (3 RATHER THAN 4) PERSONS WHO DIED OF THE DISEASE IN KINSHASA."

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